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House Concurrent Resolution 39

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES (at the request of Representative Christine Drazan)

Whereas the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans have been instrumental in protecting the freedoms and liberties afforded to the people of the United States of America; and

Whereas Oregon has an illustrious tradition of honoring its veterans through official roadside memorials, but many of the veterans who have died to preserve the rights we cherish have not yet been honored with the recognition they deserve; and

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel Herb Doby of Oregon City, who had an esteemed military career before joining the United States Air Force, was declared MIA during his service in Vietnam until his remains were identified on November 1, 1977; and

Whereas Second Lieutenant Dale Allen Perkins of Oregon City, who was known for his selfless work with Korean orphans, died during his service in Vietnam on November 3, 1966; and

Whereas First Lieutenant Patrick Leonard Woods of Oregon City, who served in the Peace Corps in Indonesia and Thailand before enlisting with the United States Army, earned multiple accolades during his service in Vietnam before his death on December 24, 1968; and

Whereas Staff Sergeant Donald Dean Brubaker of Oregon City, who selflessly took his brother's place when he enlisted in the United States Army, died in Vietnam on September 28, 1971, when the Third Air Cavalry base where he was stationed was overrun; and

Whereas Lance Corporal Gary Kyle Kestler of Oregon City, a respected United States Marine, was killed in action on May 28, 1968, while holding a defensive position in Quang Tri, South Vietnam; and

Whereas Corporal Joel Lynn Gabriel of Oregon City, a United States Army indirect fire infantryman, was killed by hostile small arms fire in Long Khanh, South Vietnam, on February 11, 1969; and

Whereas Private First Class Terry Allan Sundeen of Oregon City, a machine gunner in the United States Marines, died during an accident on base in Da Nang, South Vietnam, on May 25, 1969; and

Whereas Private First Class Charles Leroy Roberts of Oregon City, a rifleman in the United States Marines, died during an accident in Quang Tri, South Vietnam, on November 9, 1966; and

Whereas Private First Class Lewis Ray Dietz of Portland, a United States Army cavalryman, was killed in action while stationed near Bien Hoa in Dong Nai Province, Vietnam, on February 14, 1966; and

Whereas Sergeant Dwight Hayes of Oregon City, a United States Army field illumination crewman, died from injuries sustained during an accident in Phuoc Tuy Province, South Vietnam, on February 6, 1970; and

Whereas Specialist Four Robert Dean Neasham of Canby, a United States Army heavy vehicle driver, died from a self-inflicted wound in Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam, on October 13, 1968; and

Whereas Staff Sergeant Warren Emery Newton of Canby, a helicopter repairman in the United States Army, died when his helicopter was shot down and exploded in Quang Tin Province, South Vietnam, on January 9, 1968, and he was declared MIA until his remains were recovered and identified in 2015; and

Whereas Private First Class Curtis Neil Evans of Gladstone, a United States Army infantryman, died from small arms fire in Kon Tum Province, South Vietnam, on September 2, 1968; and

Whereas Lance Corporal Walter David Freeman of Gladstone, a United States Marine Corps rifleman, died from small arms fire in Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam, on December 2, 1968; and

Whereas Airman Brian Lee Bushnell of Tualatin, a structural mechanic in the United States Navy, died in a crash at sea in the Gulf of Tonkin, North Vietnam, on April 9, 1970; and

Whereas Private First Class Robert Wayne Clarke of West Linn, a United States Marine Corps rifleman, died of wounds inflicted by an explosive device in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam, on August 26, 1968; and

Whereas Warrant Officer Allen Dean Perkins of West Linn, a helicopter pilot in the United States Army, died in a helicopter crash in Bien Hoa, Dong Nai Province, South Vietnam, on November 24, 1969; and

Whereas Lance Corporal Steven Adrian Smith of West Linn, a United States Marine Corps rifleman, died of wounds inflicted by artillery, rocket or mortar fire in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam, on October 26, 1967; and

Whereas Private First Class Dale William Tolbert of West Linn, a United States Army infantryman, died from multiple fragmentation wounds inflicted in Binh Duong Province, South Vietnam, on May 19, 1967; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Lieutenant Colonel Herb Doby (USAF), Second Lieutenant Dale Allen Perkins (USAR), First Lieutenant Patrick Leonard Woods (USAR), Staff Sergeant Donald Dean Brubaker (USAR), Lance Corporal Gary Kyle Kestler (USMC), Corporal Joel Lynn Gabriel (USAR), Private First Class Terry Allan Sundeen (USMC), Private First Class Charles Leroy Roberts (USMC), Private First Class Lewis Ray Dietz (USAR), Sergeant Dwight Hayes (USAR), Specialist Four Robert Dean Neasham (USAR), Staff Sergeant Warren Emery Newton (USAR), Private First Class Curtis Neil Evans (USAR), Lance Corporal Walter David Freeman (USMC), Airman Brian Lee Bushnell (USN), Private First Class Robert Wayne Clarke (USMC), Warrant Officer Allen Dean Perkins (USARV), Lance Corporal Steven Adrian Smith (USMC) and Private First Class Dale William Tolbert (USARV) for their service to their country.

Adopted by House June 9, 2025

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Julie Fahey, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate June 18, 2025

Rob Wagner, President of Senate